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((TEXT)) THE U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE FOREIGN AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE HAD VOTED TO UPHOLD THE ASIA AND PACIFIC SUBCOMMITTEE
UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF CONGRESSMAN STEPHEN J. SOLARZ.

UNDER THE RECENT BASES AGREEMENT ENTERED BETWEEN U. S. GOVERNMENT
REPRESENTED BY AMBASSADOR ARMACOST AND PHILIPPINES BY AMBASSADOR
ROMUALDEZ, THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO ALLOW U. S.
GOVERNMENT TO USE THE SUBIC NAVAL BASE AND CLARK AIRBASE FOR THE
NEXT FIVE YEARS FOR A TOTAL RENTAL OF \$900 MILLION. THE U. S.
GOVERNMENT HOWEVER TERMS IT AS ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID, AND ITS
ANNUAL BREAKDOWN WILL BE \$95 MILLION IN MILITARY AID AND \$85 MILLION
IN ECONOMIC AID.

HOWEVER, WHEN THE BASES AGREEMENT WAS SUBMITTED TO THE
SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR APPROPRIATION,
THE AID PACKAGES WERE REVISED SO THAT THE MILITARY AID WAS REDUCED
TO \$25 MILLION ANNUALLY WHILE THE ECONOMIC AID WAS INCREASED TO
\$155 MILLION.

ACTUALLY WE AGREE WITH THE CHANGE IN EMPHASIS ON ECONOMIC AID
BECAUSE AT PRESENT OUR COUNTRY IS IN ECONOMIC CRISIS AND NEEDS MORE
ECONOMIC AID THAN MILITARY BUILD UP SINCE WE ARE NOT FACING ANY
IMMEDIATE DANGER OF FOREIGN INVASION OR THREAT. BUT WE DEPLORE THE
MANNER WITH WHICH THE U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' SUBCOMMITTEE
UNILATERALLY REVISED THE BASES AGREEMENT AND PLACED THE PHILIPPINE
GOVERNMENT IN AN EMBARRASSING POSITION.

IF THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AGREES TO ACCEPT THE NEW PACKAGES OF ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID, IT WILL BE TANTAMOUNT TO ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE \$900 MILLION PAYMENT IS A U. S. DOLE-OUT AND NOT THE RENTAL PAID FOR THE USE OF THE BASES HERE. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "AID" AND "RENTAL" IS: IN THE FORM OF "AID" THE PHILIPPINES BEING THE RECIPIENT HAS ABSOLUTELY NO SAY WHATSOEVER WITH THE PAYMENT. WHILE UNDER "RENTAL" THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT BEING THE "LESSOR" AND THE U. S. THE "LESSEE", THE U. S. GOVERNMENT HAS NO OTHER CHOICE EXCEPT TO ABIDE BY THE LEASE AGREEMENT STIPULATED BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES.

IN THE LIGHT OF THE ABOVE FACTS, LET US THEREFORE INTERPRET THE PAYMENT MADE BY THE U. S. GOVERNMENT FOR THE USE OF OUR SUBIC BAY AND CLARK AIRBASE. ARE NOT THE BASES REAL ESTATES UNDER THE TERRITORY OF PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT? HOW COULD U. S. GOVERNMENT DICTATE TERMS FOR USING THE BASES WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT WHO IS THE SOVEREIGN OWNER OF THE BASES? THE LEAST THE U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COULD DO IS TO RETURN THE WHOLE BASES AGREEMENT FOR RENEGOTIATION BUT NOT UNILATERALLY REVISE IT. IT IS AN INSULT TO THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE PHILIPPINE NATION.

WE HAVE BEEN VERY SYMPATHETIC AND UNDERSTANDING WITH THE NEED OF U. S. GOVERNMENT FOR OUR BASES IN POINT OF GLOBAL STABILITY. HOWEVER, WE CANNOT ACCEPT ABUSE AND INSULT FROM OUR "TENANT". IF THE U. S. GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT IT DOESN'T NEED OUR BASES IT CAN ALWAYS REMOVE THE BASES AND LEAVE OUR COUNTRY. FOR BY ALLOWING THE U. S. BASES IN THE PHILIPPINES, WE, TOO, ARE EXPOSING OUR COUNTRY TO SOVIET MISSILE THREATS AT CAM RANH BAY AND DA NANG NOW ESTABLISHED TO COUNTERACT THE U. S. SUBIC AND CLARK BASES HERE. WITHOUT THE BASES WE COULD ALWAYS JOIN THE NON-ALIGNED CLUB AND TRULY DECLARE OUR

REGION AS ZONE OF PEACE AND NEUTRALITY.

IT IS IN THIS LIGHT, THAT WE HOPE THE U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE,
AS A WHOLE, WILL KEEP THEIR NATIONAL INTEREST AND GLOBAL STABILITY
ABOVE THEIR INTERNAL PARTISAN POLITICS AND KEEP THEIR HANDS OFF FROM
THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF FRIENDLY ALLIES. OR ELSE, THEY WILL FIND OUT
ONE DAY THAT THEY ARE ISOLATED AND WITHOUT FRIENDS OR ALLIES.

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